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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-17 have been examined. Application 09/814,288 (ADVERTISEMENT PROVIDING SYSTEM AND METHOD) has a filing date 03/21/2001 and foreign priority of 03/30/00.

Response to Amendment

2. In response to Advisory Action filed 08/24/2005, the Applicant filed an RCE, which amended claims 1, 6, 9, and 17. Applicant's amendment overcame the Section 112 rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Herz et al (U.S. 6,571,279) in view of Hall et al (US 6,026,375).

As per claims 1, 9 and 17, Herz teaches:

An advertisement providing system comprising a communication line, one or more communication dealer terminals, one or more consumer terminals and one or more company terminals, these terminals being interconnected by the communication line, wherein:

each communication dealer terminal includes a means for storing advertisement data and also consumer's position data and taste data, a means for selecting advertisement data for each consumer by taking the consumer's position data and taste data, and a current time into considerations (see Herz column 25, line 10 – column 26, line 62). Herz does not expressly teach and a means for calculating a schedule time of consumer's arrival at a shop from a present position of the consumer and for transmitting the schedule time to a company terminal. However, Hall teaches "a method of processing an order from a mobile customer comprises receiving an order from a mobile customer, wherein the order includes customer identifying information; receiving customer location information from a location determination system; identifying at least one facility capable of completing the order; determining an estimated time of arrival of the customer at each identified facility using the customer location information; determining an amount of time needed by each identified facility to complete the order; and determining which facility of the at least one identified facility is capable of completing the order prior to the customer's estimated time of arrival at the determined facility" (see column 2, lines 49-61). Herz discloses in column 26, lines 49-60 "Once relevant products are identified, a user en route to a destination near a vendor's store can pre-order their groceries or other merchandise directly so that the user could simply pick up their pre-packaged grocery order at the time of arrival at the store. For example, an advertisement for a product on an electronic billboard could easily be pre-ordered from the user's automobile or device". Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the application was made, to know that

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once a customer is en route to a destination near a vendor's store identifies relevant products, said customer would preorder their order and the Herz system would determine the estimated time of arrival of said customer to said vendor's store based upon said customer's location, as taught by Hall . This schedule time information would be used by said store to reduce waiting time of said customer upon arrival at said store.

each consumer terminal includes a means for displaying advertisement data received from a communication dealer terminal, a means for transmitting the consumer terminal's position data to the communication dealer terminal, and a means for transmitting reservation request data for a product or a service selected by the consumer on the basis of the advertisement data received (see Herz column 26, lines 49-62); and

each company terminal includes a means for producing advertisement data and transmitting the produced advertisement data to the communication dealer terminal (see Herz column 16, lines 7-34),

a means for receiving the reservation request data via the communication dealer terminal and executing a reservation process, a means for checking, when the consumer comes to a shop, whether the consumer has requested a reservation and outputting a result of the checking (see Herz column 26, lines 29-62)

wherein the communication dealer terminal further includes means for calculating an advertisement effect based on the transmitted reservation request data of the consumer (see Herz column 16, lines 22-25; column 18, lines 1-6; column 25, lines 5-15) .

As per claims 2 and 10, Herz teaches:

The advertisement providing system according to claim 1, wherein the communication dealer terminal transmits the advertisement data as electronic mail to the consumer terminal (see column 8, lines 51-65).

As per claims 3 and 11, Herz teaches:

The advertisement providing system according to claim 1, wherein the consumer terminal transmits the reservation request data as electronic mail to the communication dealer terminal (see column 25, lines 25-67).

As per claims 4 and 12, Herz teaches:

The advertisement providing system according to claim 1, wherein the communication dealer terminal transmits the reservation request data as electronic mail to the company terminal (see column 26, lines 29-62).

As per claims 5 and 13, Herz teaches:

The advertisement providing system according to claim 1, wherein the communication line is an Internet system (see column 25, lines 55-67).

As per claims 6 and 14, Herz teaches:

The advertisement providing system according to claim 1, wherein the means for calculating the scheduled time of the *consumer's arrival* calculates the schedule time based on the present position of the consumer, the position of the shop as described in the advertisement and the present time (see column 5, line 50 – column 6, line 15; column 25, lines 25-40; column 26, lines 49-62).

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Claims 7, 8, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Herz et al (U.S. 6,571,279) in view of Hall et al (US 6,026,375) and further in view of .

As per claims 7 and 15, Herz teaches:

The advertisement providing system according to claim 1, wherein the communication dealer terminal further includes a means for calculating advertisement effect from transmitted reservation request data of consumers (see Herz column 25, lines 1-25) but fails to teach and from the contract of advertisement requested to it. However, Angles teaches a system that monitors the actual delivery of advertisements to consumers and bill advertisers based upon said actual delivery (see Angles column 16, lines 6-15). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the Application was made, to know that Herz's would monitor the responses of users to advertisements, such as the number of users which click through said advertisements and/or purchase products related to said advertisements (see Herz column 18, lines 1-6) and would use said monitoring to bill advertisers, as taught by Angles. Herz would be motivated to bill advertisers based upon the actual delivery of advertisements to consumers (i.e. purchase products related to said advertisement) in order to guarantee said advertisers that their ads would reach their intended target.

As per claims 8 and 16, Herz teaches:

The advertisement providing system according to claim 7, but fails to teach wherein the communication dealer terminal further includes a means for determining

advertisement fee from the advertisement effect. However, the same argument made in claim 7 is also made in claims 8 and 16.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 07/14/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The Applicant argues that Herz does not teach calculating the advertisement effect based on the transmitted reservation request data of consumers because Herz does not teach keeping track of the effectiveness of advertising that is transmitted to users. The Examiners answers that Herz teaches in column 25, lines 5-11 "The location enhanced information delivery system 100 can present an advertisement on an electronic highway billboard which could be used to present various high motivational product ads to determine which of them, if any, is a catalyst in effecting a buyer's decision to enter a store, become a long-term loyal customer or even facilitate a customer's change of loyalty to a different store". Also Herz teaches in column 18, lines 1-6 "For example, the vendor may be advised of certain data about the responses of users to the advertising, such as the number of users which clicked through the ad, purchased the tennis shoes and perhaps some ratio of the above compared to the number of users which match the particular targeting criteria by location. Another technique for protecting user-privacy allows an advertiser (or vendor) to submit rules for targeting certain users with certain ads on the basis of user profile attributes (including click stream patterns) to a network-vendor level Secure Data Interchange proxy server or client-level Secure Data Interchange proxy". Therefore, Herz teaches keeping track of the effectiveness of advertising that is transmitted to

users, similar to the Applicant's claimed invention. However, the Examiner is adding the art Angles to make rejections of claims 7, 8, 15 and 16 regarding using said advertisement effect to determine an advertisement fee.

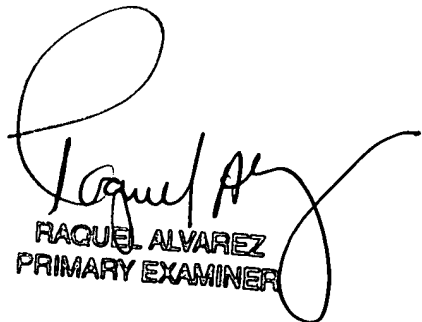
Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIEL LASTRA whose telephone number is 571-272-6720. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ERIC W. STAMBER can be reached on 571-272-6724. The Examiner's Right fax number is 571-273-6720.

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